

## House Resolution No. 2373

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state, particularly its institutions of learning; and

**Whereas**, the members are pleased and proud to pause to recognize the Kirkwood R-VII School District, a K-12 district, which recently earned the state's prestigious "Distinction in Performance" award for academic progress and achievement during the last school year (2006-07) from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

**Whereas**, this is the eighth consecutive year that the Kirkwood R-VII School District has earned this coveted distinction, every year since the award's inception; and

**Whereas**, the Distinction in Performance award is based on the fourteen academic performance standards that are now used in the accreditation of all public school districts, and K-8 school districts are covered by a portion of these standards, standards based on scores from the state-mandated MAP tests, graduation rate, attendance, ACT scores, and other indicators; and

**Whereas**, to qualify for the award this year, K-8 districts had to meet six of seven performance standards, including all of those based on the results of MAP tests, and K-12 districts had to meet thirteen out of fourteen standards, including all of the MAP-based measures; and

**Whereas**, under the state's accreditation process, known as the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP), each school district is evaluated at least once every five years, and the Distinction in Performance award is based on the same criteria used in the accreditation process, but it provides an annual confirmation and recognition of a district's consistent performance:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations and admiration to the Kirkwood R-VII School District on this illustrious occasion; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Kirkwood R-VII School District.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Rick Stream  
District No. 94

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Representative Kathlyn Fares  
District No. 91

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2373, adopted April 29, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker